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SPECIAL SUMMARY FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL
AFFAIRS

TAGS: OVIP (PORTER, WILLIAM)

1. MBFR: NEW SOVIET PROPOSAL ON PARTICIPATION?

IN VIENNA A SOVIET MBFR DELEGATE HAS PROPOSED THAT THE
HUNGARIAN ISSUE MIGHT BE RESOLVED BY A US- USSR AGREE-
MENT NOT TO AUGMENT FORCES IN HUNGARY OR NORTHERN ITALY
IN THE EVENT OF AN AGREED OUTCOME IN THE MBFR TALKS.
IT IS NOT CLEAR ON WHOSE AUTHORITY THE COMPROMISE WAS
PUT FORWARD, BUT OUR MBFR DELEGATION SUGGESTS THAT IT
MIGHT PROVIDE A BASIS FOR RESOLUTION OF THE PARTICI-
PATION PROBLEM. (SECRET) VIENNA 1899, 3/8. (EXDIS).

2. UK POSITION IN MBFR TALKS MAY BE SOFTENING

AS AN INDICATION THAT THE UK MAY FINALLY BE YIELDING TO
NAC PRESSURE, THE UK DELEGATE IN VIENNA IS PROPOSING TO
LONDON THAT THE UK SUPPORT THE IDEA OF AN INFORMAL
PLENARY OF THE 19 STATES PRESENT AND AT THE SAME TIME
TO CONTINUE A PARALLEL EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE HUNGARIAN
ISSUE. THIS WOULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF ENABLING ALL
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SIDES TO SHOW SOME MOVEMENT AT THE TALKS. (SECRET)
VIENNA 1898, 2/8.

3. SUDANESE SUPPORT NIMAIRI' S STAND

EMBASSY KHARTOUM REPORTS THAT SUDAN' S POPULACE IS SUP-
PORTING GENERAL NIMAIRI' S TOUGH STAND AGAINST THE BLACK
SEPTEMBER ORGANIZATION (BSO) WITH MASS DEMONSTRATIONS
AND A FLOOD OF TELEGRAMS. THE EMPHASIS OF MOST COMMENT
IS ON THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE BSO' S CRIME AND THE NEED
FOR PUNISHMENT. (UNCLASSIFIED) KHARTOUM 488, 2/8.

4. INDOCHINA OPERATIONS

DURING THE 24- HOUR PERIOD ENDING 1900 EST MARCH 8, CEASE-
FIRE VIOLATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM TOTALED 104, INCLUDING
18 MAJOR INCIDENTS. ONE SIGNIFICANT GROUND COMBAT ACTION
WAS REPORTED IN CAMBODIA. (CONFIDENTIAL) NMCC OPSUM,
3/9.

COUNTDOWN

APPROXIMATELY 7,020 US TROOPS REMAIN IN SOUTH VIETNAM.
(CONFIDENTIAL) NMCC OPSUM, 3/9.

AIR OPERATIONS

AIR ACTIVITY WAS CONFINED TO CAMBODIA WHERE 13 TACTICAL
AND 18 B-52 SORTIES WERE FLOWN. (SECRET) NMCC OPSUM, 3/9.

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